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Draft report

Addendum

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II. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

Section 22A. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

1. At its 21st meeting, on 12 October 1993, the Committee considered section 22A of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

Discussion

2. Some delegations were of the opinion that the distribution of extrabudgetary resources among subprogrammes needed to be reviewed while others expressed the view that the level of detail on the utilization of these resources was inadequate.

3. Clarifications were sought regarding the rationale for proposing the transfer, on a phased basis, of the posts of chiefs of mission in 17 of the least developed countries where the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) operates, from extrabudgetary financing to the regular budget. A number of delegations supported such a proposal. Other delegations wished to see a clearer indication of the budget implications of such a move.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee expressed disappointment that the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on the first part of its thirty-third session (A/48/16 (Part I)), relating to the Secretary General's report on the in-depth evaluation of the programme on international protection of and assistance to refugees: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (E/AC.51/1993/2), were not taken into account during the preparation of the section. The Committee recommended that the results of this evaluation should be taken into account during the implementation of this programme.

5. The Committee regretted the lack of specific information about the projected use of extrabudgetary resources expected for this programme. In view of the special importance of such resources, the Committee recommended that such information be provided to the Fifth Committee for timely consideration during the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

6. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of the programme narrative of section 22A of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, taking into account the above recommendations.
